

House Resolution 712

By: Representative Buckner of the 130th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. John Thomas "Man" Crouch; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its oldest citizens with the
3 passing of Mr. John Thomas "Man" Crouch on March 15, 2009; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Crouch was born on May 12, 1908, in Talbot County, Georgia, and at the
5 age of 101, he was the oldest living resident of Junction City, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was employed as a field laborer for Mr. William Harvey Buckner, Sr., and
7 later would commute each day to Fort Benning with brothers William and Charlie Buckner
8 and his brother, Eugene Crouch, to work as a carpenter's assistant for Culpepper Construction
9 Company building army barracks during World War II; and
- 10 WHEREAS, after the war, Mr. Crouch worked for the Newton Callier Saw Mill, the James
11 Yancey Logging Company, and retired from the Alexander Saw Mill in Talbotton, Georgia;
12 and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mr. Crouch was married to Ida Lee Sanders Crouch, which blessed him with
14 three children, John, Rachel, and Laura; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he later married Hattie Searcy Crouch, a union which brought him three
16 children, Louvenia, Paul, and Sam; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Crouch had a unique talent for recycling old building materials for new
18 uses and spent many hours repairing old cars; and
- 19 WHEREAS, known for his skill in gardening, Mr. Crouch had a well-deserved reputation for
20 growing excellent and plentiful crops of corn, collards, and turnips, and raising hogs; and

21 WHEREAS, although Mr. Crouch lived many years of his life in an era when segregation
22 was prevalent, societal norms did not prevent him from making valuable friendships with
23 individuals from all walks of life and from being kind to others; and

24 WHEREAS, in his later years, it became extremely difficult for Mr. Crouch to hear, yet he
25 maintained his humor, graciousness, and his industrious and energetic spirit until his last
26 days; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Crouch will long be remembered for his love of gardening, the outdoors,
28 family, and friendship, and this loyal father, grandfather, and friend will be missed by all
29 who had the great fortune of knowing him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mr. John Thomas "Man"
32 Crouch and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. John
35 Thomas "Man" Crouch.